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Paul Stacey, Director  
Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse  
Planning and Standards Division  
Department of Environmental Protection  
79 Elm Street  
Hartford, CT 06106-5127

Dear Mr. Stacey,

The Roxbury Conservation Commission supports the creation of flow standards for all Connecticut rivers and streams, as embodied in the proposed regulation introduced by the DEP at a public hearing, extending January 21 to February 4. The purpose of the regulation is to provide a fair balance between the needs of rivers and the needs of water suppliers. Here in Roxbury, our residents joined with the town of Washington in investing extraordinary time and effort into achieving healthy flows in the Shepaug River. The resulting settlement works to the benefit of the Waterbury Water Bureau, the Shepaug River, and all the people from around the state who enjoy the river. We celebrated this good outcome on September 12, with officials from Waterbury, Gov. M. Jodi Rell, and local officials and advocates.

The proposed regulation aims to give all rivers the same opportunity for protection the Shepaug was given. There are numerous recommendations coming forward for improving the regulation. Naturally, we expect DEP to make whatever changes are prudent and responsible. But at the end of the day, we look forward to a flow regulation that works. We can attest from experience that it is much needed.

Sincerely,

Trudy Swenson McKinna  
Roxbury Conservation Commission Chairperson

On behalf of all Roxbury Conservation Commission members:

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